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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST
FOR BRIEFING ON LEBANON(S/S NO. 7615703)
FROM MCCLOSKEY TO SECRETARY

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE ON REFUGEES AND ESCAPEES OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE FOR HABIB TO BRIEF ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LEBANON. AS YOU RECALL, JOE SISCO GAVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE A SIMILAR BRIEFING IN APRIL. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THAT SESSION.

2. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ASKED THAT THE BRIEFING BE GIVEN ON JULY 29, AND WILL MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY. PHIL IS WILLING TO APPEAR SUPPORTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM D/HA, NEA AND SCA.

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3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE OR AVOID THE HEARING. PHIL WOULD PROPOSE TO TESTIFY ON THE BASIS OF MORE OR LESS FREELY AVAILABLE INFORMATION BUT WILL SEEK YOUR SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE HEARING. THE USE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD BE RESORTED TO ONLY IF THE COMMITTEE IS INSISTENT ON GETTING INTO TOUCHY AREAS.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO OFFER HABIB PER THE KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO APPEAR ON THURSDAY, JULY 29.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

ALTERNATELY, THAT YOU AUTHORIZE ME TO SEEK A LATER DATE BUT ONE BEFORE THE SENATE RECESS, AUGUST 11.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

CLEARED: D/HA - MR. WILSON; SCA - MR. WALENTYNOWICZ;
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